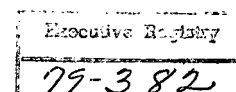


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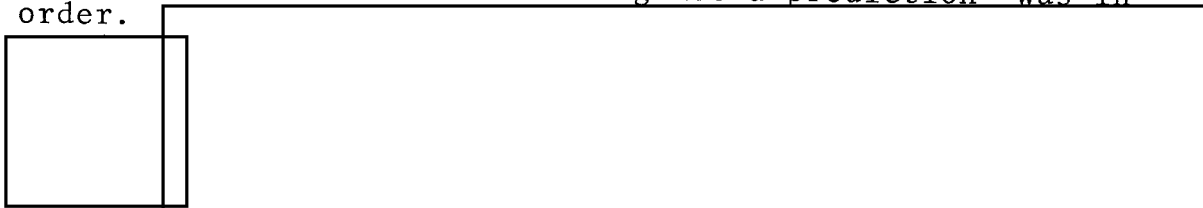
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Summary

The main issue facing community representatives at the meeting on 17 January was the ominous situation along the Sino-Vietnamese border. An Alert Memorandum had been issued on 5 January; was a further warning prudent, and how did the community look at the issue with greater time for reflection and with the advantage of additional information available since the initial cut at the problem? The overwhelming consensus of the meeting was that a further Alert Memorandum was needed; this was issued after consultation with our colleagues following the Soviet Union on 19 January.

1. The Sino-Vietnamese Border Situation. All of us at the meeting felt the situation was dangerous and thought further deterioration was possible. This assessment had been reached by various analytical routes, and was held with less firmness by a few of us, but there was general agreement that a new Alert Memorandum--a warning not a prediction--was in order.

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